

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CATHERINE HOOKS,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:24-cv-00521-SAB

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO  
PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS* AND  
DIRECTING CLERK OF COURT TO ISSUE  
SUMMONS AND SERVE DEFENDANT  
UNDER E-SERVICE PROGRAM

(ECF No. 2)

Plaintiff Catherine Hooks filed a complaint on May 1, 2024, challenging a final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security denying an application for disability benefits. Plaintiff did not pay the filing fee in this action and instead filed an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915. (ECF No. 2.)

The Court finds Plaintiff's application demonstrates entitlement to proceed without prepayment of fees. Therefore, the Court shall order that the complaint in this action be served, pursuant to paragraph 1 of the scheduling order to be issued in this action, which provides that service on the Defendant shall proceed under the Court's e-service program.

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Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 2) is GRANTED;
2. The Clerk of the Court is DIRECTED to issue a summons and new case documents; and
3. The Clerk of the Court is DIRECTED to deliver to the Commissioner of Social Security Administration and the United States Attorney's Office at their designated email addresses, a notice of electronic filing of this action along with the summons and complaint.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 3, 2024

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James A. Be...", is written over a horizontal line.

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE